Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1 and 20 have been objected to for lacking proper antecedence for the limitation "said strings." Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to instead recite "said string" to correct the above informality.

Claims 1, 7 and 20 have been provisionally rejected for non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 7, 8 and 16 of copending Application No. 12/133,612. As the copending application is commonly owned with this application, it is believed that the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer is sufficient to overcome the provisional double patenting rejection.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2002/0116541 (Parker) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6633758 (Heinonen) and U.S. Publication No. 2002/0165969 (Gallant). Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to further distinguish over the cited references. Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejections, for the following reasons.

Claim 1 as amended now recites, among others, the features of "said profile settings application including a profile string matcher; said profile string matcher configured to comprise a string of text and associate said string of text with one of said profiles; wherein at least one of said calendar appointments is configured to have a profile associated therewith based on <u>a match between a description of said at least one calendar appointment and</u> one of said strings of text within said profile string matcher." The Examiner concedes, at page 9 of the Office Action, that Parker does not disclose the above-recited features in their previous, unamended state. Applicant submits that Parker therefore also does not disclose those features as recited in amended claim 1.

The Examiner asserts that "it is obvious that when different types of appointment are associated with predefined profiles, a mapping and/or matching is required to determine the associated profile." This is merely a conclusory statement, as it does not provide any rational underpinning to address the shortcomings of Parker which have

been acknowledged by the Examiner. Parker, at paragraphs [0036] and [0054], simply provides various types of profiles which may be created and states that a predetermined role may be set for all appointments of a particular type. Neither the cited paragraphs nor the Figures of Parker contain any reference to a string matcher or the various claimed attributes of a string matcher, nor to a description of a calendar event as recited in Applicant's amended claim 1. In fact, no mechanism is provided at all by Parker for accomplishing this setting of predetermined profiles. Further, at paragraph [0054] Parker describes the automated profile switching as being based on the "type" of appointment, providing "busy," "out of office," "tentative," and "free" as examples. These attributes are clearly distinct from the description of a calendar appointment. Thus, Parker not only fails to satisfy the above-recited features of amended claim 1, but leads away from those features by teaching the use of entirely different appointment attributes.

The Examiner contends that the features lacking from Parker are provided by Gallant. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Gallant is directed to user aliases in a communication system. As described in part at paragraphs [0015] – [0016] and [0073] – [0077] and Figures 3 and 4, Gallant provides a list of aliases. Several "USERIDs" as seen in Gallant's Figure 3, may correspond to a single SUBID, and the SUBID is related to a user profile. Gallant does not make any mention of calendar appointments in general, and therefore cannot possibly contemplate the features of "wherein at least one of said calendar appointments is configured to have a profile associated therewith based on a match between a description of said at least one calendar appointment and one of said strings of text within said profile string matcher" as recited in Applicant's amended claim 1.

Thus, neither Parker nor Gallant disclose or suggest a calendar appointment configured to have a profile associated therewith based on a match between a description of the calendar appointment and a string of text within a profile string matcher. On the contrary, Gallant contains no teachings pertaining to calendar appointments, while Parker expressly teaches away from the use of a calendar appointment description. No

proper combination of the above references can therefore render the subject matter of amended claim 1 obvious. Similar amendments have been made to claim 20, and claims 1 and 20 are therefore believed to be allowable. Claims 2-3, 5-7 and 10 depend on claim 1, and are therefore also believed to be allowable for at least the above reasons.

Claim 10 has been amended to recite an electronic device, rather than a method, to remain consistent with claim 1, upon which claim 10 depends.
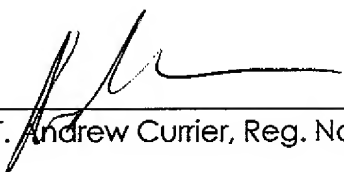
CONCLUSIONS

Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance. To the extent that any issues remain to be resolved, however, applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned to resolve these issues.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-3750.

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